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PATENT
Docket No. GC507-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Becker et al.) Group Art Unit: 1631
Serial No. 09/215,095) Examiner: M. Borin
Filed: 12/18/98)
For: Matrix Granule)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Box RCE
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to issuing an office action on the merits, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

In the Claims

D1

66. (Once amended) A granule comprising,
a) a seed particle and
b) a protein matrix layered over the seed particle wherein said matrix includes a protein mixed together with a combination of a sugar or sugar alcohol and a polysaccharide structuring agent.

Sub B1

D2

83. (Once amended) An enzyme granule comprising,

Sub E3

(a) a seed particle and
(b) an enzyme matrix layered over the seed particle